

BOATS STILL MISSING.

But Hope that the Winds May Have Carried Them to Safety in Clayoquot Sound.

Captain Irving Does Not Apprehend Difficulty in Saving the Cleve-land Herself.

OR BOARD SS. CLEVELAND, LYALL POINT, Barclay Sound, Dec. 17.—The unfortunate Cleveland at this writing is to all appearances a hopeless and complete wreck, with the tide playing hide-and-seek through her parted and crushed bottom plates.

Captain Hall is standing by his vessel and awaiting instructions from the owner who is now on his way from San Francisco to the ship. Four Indians have been arrested and compelled to disclose portions of their loot.

In one of the grandest of nature's mountain and sea studies, here on a rocky promontory, forming the westernmost point of Barclay Sound, the wrecked Cleveland is today a dismal object of endless interest.

The dreadful uncertainty, almost as trying to those who anxiously look on as even the knowledge of the vessel's condition until the Quadra completes her search of the shores and islands of the western coast, upon which she has been engaged for forty-eight hours, and which occupy her is expected for a week or ten days to come.

When the government steamer started on her rescue mission she carried as special passengers Captain John Irving, M.P., manager of the C.P.N., and Mr. J. R. Collier, government inspector of hulls and representative of the Firemen's Fund Assurance Association.

Desirous of satisfying themselves at once as to the exact condition of the distressed ship, and how the many articles which had been taken possession of on board the steamer, while Siwash canoes so swarmed about the wrecked boat.

At each of the steamer's hatches there was a deplorable confusion of flour, nuts, oil, whiskey and canned goods—all cargo having been either appropriated or rendered valueless down to the water level.

So completely had the marauders accomplished their work that Captain Hall and his companions on returning to the vessel found themselves compelled for two days and nights to make do with the few articles of clothing or blankets without a change of them.

For Purser Whitelock too, the master of the lost vessel has words of highest commendation upon his heroic conduct and self-denying part all through the trying members of the crew acted with worthy courage and loyalty to the ship.

BUFFETED BY WAVES.

The Crew of the Wrecked Steamer Vesta Kept Port After a Rough Trip.

They Spend a Night and Day in an Open Boat During a Gale—Vessel Doomed.

Mr. Thomas Daykin, jr., son of the light-keeper at Carmanah, arrived in the city early yesterday morning, bringing news that he had safely landed the captain and crew of the wrecked schooner Vesta at Port Townsend.

Mr. Daykin left Carmanah on Wednesday morning last in the whaleboat belonging to the light-keeper and experienced many hardships and perils before he made port.

When the gale abated, a strong head wind was encountered and it was impossible to make Victoria. It was then decided to run for Neah Bay.

The crew remained with the wreck for three days, but were unable to make any attempt to salvage the vessel.

The following interesting information in regard to the wreck and the prospects of saving it, as well as the opinion of a man well acquainted with the coast.

Mr. A. McEwen, the well-known New Westminster tailor, writes: "I was suffering from a severe cold in the head, which was apparently developing into a case of meningitis."

Last night Camp 52, W.O.W., elected officers for the coming year, the choice being: L. Hall, past commandant; H. C. Edwards, consul commandant; J. D. Warren, banker; W. Jackson, clerk; R. Davidson, escort; F. W. Hall, E. A. Hall and R. L. Fraser, physicians; E. J. Monk, watchman; J. W. Doughton, secretary; G. E. Taylor and G. E. Watkins, managers; W. Jackson, delegate to head camp; L. Hall, alternate.

HALIFAX, Dec. 15.—A cable from Bermuda says a sharp shock of earthquake was felt there early this morning; no damage.

BROKE TUG RECORDS.

The Lorne Returns to Port from the Cleveland With Towing Honors Galore.

The Senator Salvaged Suit in a Fair Way to Settlement—British Seaman Drowned.

The tug Lorne arrived in port yesterday after a fortnight's absence and she did not return without honors. Instead of being laid up as reported, the Lorne has completed an exceptionally busy fortnight.

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OPENING CEREMONIES.

The Legislative House-Warming in the New Buildings Will Be Very Imposing.

Patriotic Music and Addresses Will Form Part of the Speaker's Programme.

Though the details have not yet been arranged it is understood that Mr. Speaker Higgins is having quite an elaborate programme prepared for the opening ceremonies in the magnificent new parliament buildings when the legislature meets for the dispatch of business.

THE ARION Club singing "God Save the Queen," and other patriotic airs; there will be music by the Fifth Regiment band, and opportunity will be taken of the moving of the formal resolutions for the opening and prorogation announcements.

Outside of the official programme there is some talk of a ball in the drill shed, if that building can be secured on a date to be fixed.

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THE little orphans of St. Ann's Convent, Cowichan, thirty-five or forty number, have not been forgotten during the bustle of happy Christmastide.

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DR. SANDEN'S ELECTRIC BELT. It might be worth your time to read the little book, get it, or call and see this wonderful Belt.

DR. A. T. SANDEN, 126 St. James St. Montreal, Quebec. "Green Mountain" and "Happy John No. 11" Mineral Claims.

ONLY A CHEAP BLUFF. Since Few United States Citizens Go Sealing the Prohibition is Mainly for Show.

Canadian Sealers Will Go Ahead and Find Markets Though Prices May Suffer.

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A channel about a mile out of the Kicking Horse and this, it is said, will give rise to waters, and avert all of being flooded.

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